

**TITLE 810. OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
CHAPTER 10. PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

810:10-1-3 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. Informal Dispute Resolution Processes

810:10-3-6 [AMENDED]

Subchapter 5. Hearings Conducted by Administrative Law Judges and Commissioners

Part 13. Dismissals

810:10-5-85 [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed rules include a clarification of the definition of employee, defined by statute at 85A O.S. § 2; move a term in the definitions section to alphabetize the list; modify which division at the Commission receives Commission Mediator applications; correct a comma; and modifies the Commission's discretion to dismiss certain claims, in accordance with to statutory changes to Title 85A O.S. § 69 made by HB 2367 (2019).

AUTHORITY:

Workers' Compensation Commission; 85A O.S. §§ 2, 19, 22, 69, 110.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons may submit data, views, or arguments in writing before 5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2022, to the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission, Attn: General Counsel at 1915 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, or by email to rules@wcc.ok.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing to afford a comment period for all interested persons to submit data, views, or arguments, orally will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022, in the Commission En Banc Courtroom of the Denver N. Davison Building, 1915 N. Stiles Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Interested parties must sign in at the door.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to Lauren Hammonds Johnson at the above address on or before 5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2022.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained for review by the public from the Workers' Compensation Commission, 1915 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at a cost of 10 cents per page. The proposed rules will also available at <http://www.ok.gov/wcc>.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(D), a rule impact statement will be prepared and may be obtained from the Workers' Compensation Commission at the above address beginning February 15, 2022.

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